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Act against Netas breaching social distancing norms: HC

Government asked to form grievance redressal mechanism where citizens can complain through email, SMS or WhatsApp

Bengaluru / Mysuru, July 18 (Agencies&OSR)- The Karnataka High Court (HC) has pulled up the State Government for not taking strict action against political figures and elected representatives, who blatantly violate social distancing norms at a time when the COVID-19 virus is infecting thousands of people on a day-to-day basis.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy, while passing interim directions on a petition seeking stricter enforcement of the National Directive for COVID Management issued by the Central Government, said, "State must ensure that strict action is taken against everyone who is violating the directions of authorities — especially against political figures and elected representatives. If action is not taken it will send a wrong signal."

The High Court was hearing a PIL on the implementation of provisions under the Disaster Management Act. Bengaluru-based advocate G.R. Mohan had submitted photographs of events where norms were violated. He said social distancing norms were violated at a wedding held by a politician, while laying the foundation stone for a statue and also during a political rally.

"Our attention is invited to an event on June 27 to erect a statue of Kempegowda at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru where norms of social distancing and wearing of masks were thrown to the wind... It is time for the State to take action against persons, however influential he / she may be," it said.

The Bench also directed the Government to set up in a week's time a grievance redressal mechanism where citizens can lodge complaints

about violation of norms, if any, either through email, SMS or WhatsApp facility. The Bench said, "Apart from number 100 (Police Control Room), we direct the State to create a grievance redressal mechanism to enable citizens to lodge complaints by various methods, e-mails, SMS WhatsApp etc. Even the facility of uploading photographs may be allowed. The State must ensure the complaints reach all the authorities who are under obligation to take prompt action." It has also asked the Government to give wide publicity to the same.

The Bench has directed the State to take necessary steps to authorise District Officers under the Disaster Management Act who can take penal action of collecting spot fines in different parts of the State, within one week. It said, "Only if a large number of officers are authorised to collect fines can norms be implemented effectively." As per Government orders in Municipal Corporation limits, Rs. 200 fine can be levied on people not wearing face masks and Rs. 100 in rural areas.

(See NETAS on page 7)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	93
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	1,413
Total ACTIVE cases	:	805
Persons discharged	:	551
Deaths	:	57

41 employees of JK Tyre test COVID-19 positive

Company ties up with JSS and Apollo BGS Hospitals to screen all 3,500 staff

Mysuru, July 18 (RK&BCT)- Industrial safety during COVID-19 pandemic is back in focus after over 41 employees of Mysuru-based JK Tyre and Industries contracted the Coronavirus. This is the second industry in Mysuru that has recorded virus spread with the first one being Jubilant Generics in Nanjangud where many employees tested positive in March forcing the District Administration to treat it as a cluster case.

As 41 of its employees tested positive, JK Tyre has suspended operation in those particular units where the positive cases emerged to break the chain. The entire plant (two branches in Mysuru – Hebbal and Metagalli) will be sanitised regularly. Also, the Company management has tied up with JSS Hospital and BGS Apollo Hospital to conduct screening and health checkups of all employees. Symptomatic patients will have to undergo COVID-19 tests, said D.K. Lingaraju, Joint Director of District Industries Centre (DIC).

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Lingaraju said that there are over 3,500 employees in the factory. "As 41 employees tested positive, certain units of the plant have been sealed down for two days while the entire production has not been stopped. I have visited the plants and inspected the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)," he added.

"The two plants in Hebbal and Metagalli will be sanitised. DC Abhiram G. Sankar has directed the Company management to ensure that the virus does not spread like it happened in Nanjangud. The company officials are working closely with the DIC and the Health Department in this regard," he said.

He said that he had instructed the authorities to give priority in sanitising the plant and creating awareness about safety measures among the staff.

On the employees who have tested positive, Lingaraju said that all of them have been shifted to the designated hospitals and COVID care centres. "Their primary and secondary contacts are being identified and screened. Their swab samples will be taken and will be sent for tests," he said.

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STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Saturday 18th July 2020

City students excel in II PU exam

SHARADA VIDYA MANDIR: ***The students of Sharada Vidya Mandir, Sri Jayachamarajendra PU College, Mysuru, have excelled in the recently held II PU exams. Toppers of the College were felicitated by the members of the Management and Staff. Seen are*** *(standing from left)* ***R. Chaithanya (576), M.D. Chaithanya (577), S. Vaishnavi (576), S. Abhisarika (577), H.R. Nisarga (581), Meghana (581), Tulasi A. Aiyar (580) and Nehal Parekh (569);*** *(sitting from left)* ***Academic Director S.T. Thimmaraju, Secretary R. Anand, Chairman N. Sachidananda Murthy and Trustee Jayashree S. Murthy.***

Harshini Archana Shalini Mancy Shwetha

Rakesh Priya Brunda Darshan

BGS PU COLLEGE, KUVEMPUNAGAR: The College has secured 100 percent results with J.N. Brunda of Commerce stream securing second rank in the State by scoring 596 for 600.

Science Stream: Out of 350 students, 150 students have secured distinction and the remaining students have scored first class.

B. Harshini - 588, S. Archana - 588, D.N. Shalini - 586, C.M. Mancy - 585, S. Shwetha - 583, Rakesh S. Bhat - 583, Priya Lokesh - 582, Likhith R. Nayaka - 579, S. Chaithra - 577, S.R. Spoorthi Shree - 577, K.M. Karuna Sindhu - 577, Shamsiya Khalid - 576, K. Harish - 575, T.S. Bhanushree - 575, S. Aishwarya - 574, M.H. Sindhu - 573, M. Manasa - 572, Priyanka - 572, K.N. Archana - 571, Prakruthi - 570, C. Supritha - 569, R.K. Spandana - 569, K.K. Sharath - 567, M.R. Chandana - 565, G.S. Vidyashree - 563, K. Deepthi - 563, M. Rajaneesh - 562, M. Yashaswini - 562, H.A. Ananya - 562, V. Sona - 562 and S. Ramyashree - 560.

Commerce Stream: Out of 210 students, 40 have secured distinction and the remaining students have scored first class. J.N. Brunda - 596, A. Darshan - 577, E. Sinchana - 570, Keerthana - 563, R. Kruthika - 561 and D. Rohan - 560.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ASK THE SLIP FIELDER TO MAINTAIN PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MOVE TO THE BOUNDARY!
CRICKETING COVID TIMES
SAJITH KUMAR

[Courtesy: Deccan Herald]

NEWS SPARKLERS

Stunning body-painting illusions by Mimi Choi

Vancouver: After using her face for stunning make-up illusions that left people scratching their heads, Vancouver-based Instagram superstar Mimi Choi is focusing on other body parts, primarily her arms and legs, with similar results.

A former school teacher turned makeup artist, Mimi Choi took social media by storm three years ago with her incredible optical illusions. Using makeup, body paint, mountains of patience and innate talent, Choi managed to turn her face into a canvas for all sorts of trompe l'oeil artworks that fascinated millions of people around the world. It's no wonder that she boasts over 1 million followers on Instagram alone, as her account is definitely one of the most attention-worthy on the popular social network.

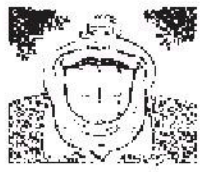
The intricately-detailed cakes of Tuba Geckil

Turkey: Talented cake artist Tuba Geckil, specializes in making delicious desserts that double as optical illusions.

From ultra-realistic cakes shaped as Crocs shoes and salami-topped pizza, to detailed busts of real-life and fictional characters, there's nothing that Turkish food artist Tuba Geckil can't shape her cakes as. In fact, some of her best works were included in a video compilation that went viral on Twitter last weekend inspiring the hashtag #EveythingIsCake and lots of memes. People just couldn't get over how realistic some of Geckil's creations looked and soon, everyone started sharing whatever realistic cakes they could find online.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is there a natural teeth whitener?



Brush $^{1}/_{2}$ TSP baking soda, combined with 1 or 2 drops of peroxide, onto your teeth. Let sit for a few minutes, then rinse. Avoid swallowing. Baking soda makes a safe, mild bleach for your teeth.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa launches 'Tashkent Diary'

'Tashkent Diary,' a rare book in Kannada language on Lal Bahadur Shastri, the second Prime Minister of India, authored by city-based writer S. Umesh and published by Dhatri Publications, Mysuru, was launched yesterday by handing over the maiden copy of the book to well-known novelist and Saraswati Samman awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa at his residence in Kuvempunagar here. Seen are *(from left)* ***author Umesh, Saraswathi Bhyrappa, Dr. Bhyrappa, former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta and Brinda Umesh of Dhatri Publications.***

Admission for B.Com and BBA Courses

Mysuru, July 18 - The Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women, located on Valmiki road in Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar), has started issuing application forms for admission to B.Com and BBA courses.

PUC passed girl students from Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and other districts can apply. The application forms are available for free at the College, according to a press release from College Principal Dr. G.H. Mahadevaswamy.

Really...?

- ***Bananas are a favourite fruit around the world. It tastes good, it's high in potassium, and it's delicious when placed in a dish with ice cream and chocolate syrup. It is also the most interesting fruit in the world. In the 1950s, a disease called the Panama Disease all but wiped out an entire species of banana which motivated farmers to use the Cavendish banana which we all eat today. The bananas we eat are actually all cloned from a single banana plant in Southeast Asia which means that every single banana is exactly the same banana. Also, bananas are technically herbs.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife: *Had your lunch?*
Husband: *Had your lunch?*
Wife: *I am asking you?*
Husband: *I am asking you?*
Wife: *You are copying me?*
Husband: *You are copying me?*
Wife: *Let's go shopping.*
Husband: *Yes, I had my lunch !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.89
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.12
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.58

VOICE OF THE READER

Property tax assessment by MCC: Clarification sought

Sir,

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has computerised the property tax assessment from this year. On obtaining a copy of the previous year's assessment, they process and issue a computerised tax assessment letter.

Property tax is computed by taking into account the market value of the land and the cost of the building.

The ground floor of my house was constructed 50 years back and the first floor was constructed 20 years back.

When I received my computerised assessment letter, I noticed that even for the first floor they had taken the land value into account, that too at a higher rate. Does this not amount to double taxation of the land? I feel the land value has to be considered only for the ground floor and for additional floors, only the building cost.

How fair is this assessment? I would appreciate if someone who has better understanding of tax throw more light in this matter.

—P. Arun Kumar

Mysuru
16.7.2020

Former MP opposes implementation of the amended Land Reforms Act

Former MP R. Dhruvanarayan addressing a press meet in city recently as District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar looks on.

Mysuru, July 18 (RKB&SD)- Questioning the rationale for easing the norms for purchase of agricultural lands by non-agriculturists, former Congress MP R. Dhruvanarayan, opposing the implementation of the amended Land Reforms Act, stated that Congress party is going to launch a Statewide agitation if the amendments to Land Reforms Act are not rescinded immediately.

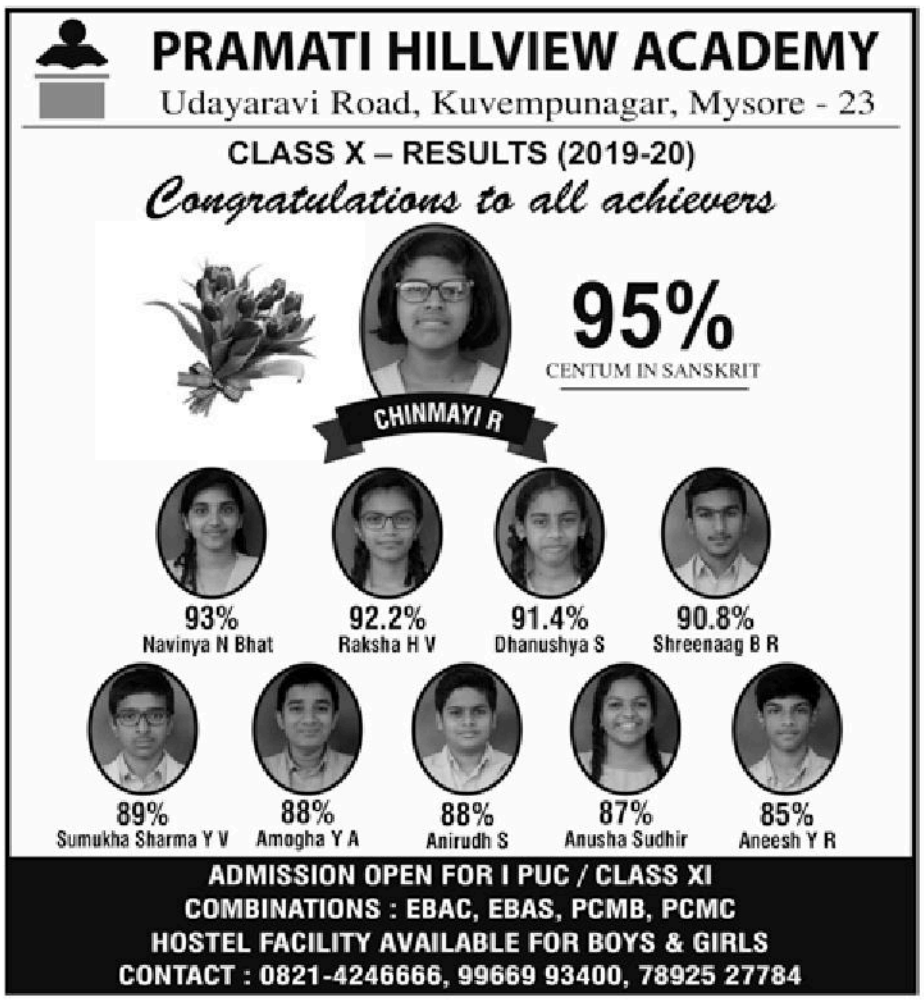
Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan in city recently, Dhruvanarayan said, "This is a shameless and irresponsible Government. Numerous organisations including Raitha Sangha and Dalit Associations have been opposing this ordinance. The State Government should have discussed this issue during the upcoming Assembly session and let the people to decide on this matter. The original Act was implemented in 1974 by former Chief Minister D. Devaraja Urs to safeguard farmland from being acquired by non-agriculturist lobbies."

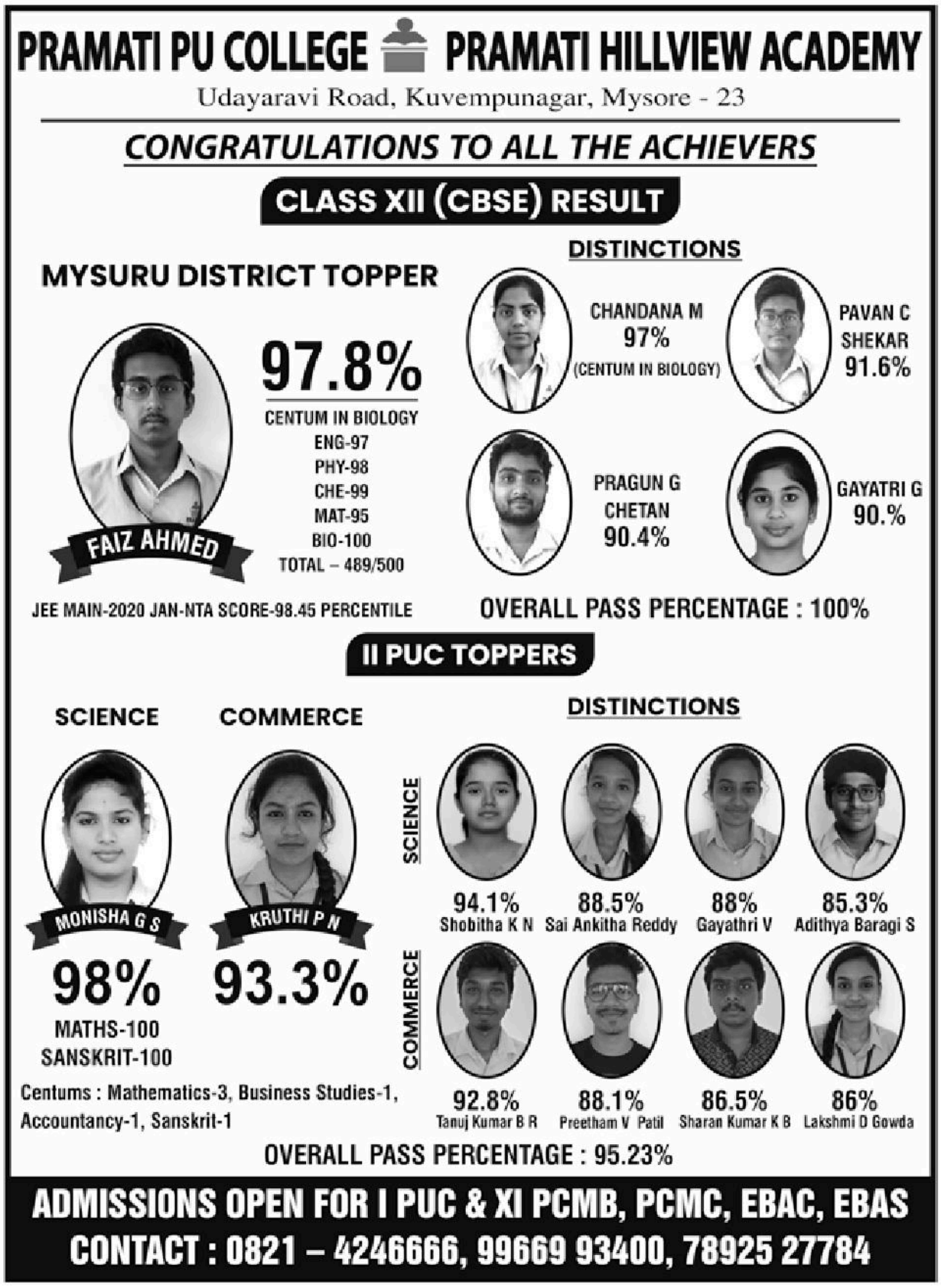
Dhruvanarayan expressed displeasure over the manner in which this ordinance was implemented.

Governor Vajubhai R. Vala on Monday signed the Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, a month after the Karnataka Cabinet passed an ordinance making amendments to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961. Following the Governor's consent, the State Government had notified the Amended Act in the Gazette notification.

Dhruvanarayan also condemned the statement issued by BJP MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and listed out the failures of the State BJP Government including its inability to contain COVID-19 pandemic in an effective manner.

Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, Secretary Shivanna, Congress Spokesperson H.A. Venkatesh and others were present at the press conference.





NEWS BRIEFS

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya excels

In the Class 10 and Class 12 examination results announced by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) recently, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mysuru, has recorded cent percent results for the year 2019-20. In Class 12 exams, 90% of students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mysuru, have passed out with distinction. The overall average score in Class 12 is 84.53% and Kumar Chandan S. Gowda has emerged as the topper with a score of 95% in Class 12 exams. Kumari S. Saisri with 97% marks has become the topper in Class 10 exams. The overall average score of Class 10 students is 75.81%.

Diploma in Interior Design

Mysore Interiors & Designs Academy - Institute of Interior Design Studies, affiliated to Jain University, will be starting six months and one year Diploma in Interior Design Studies for PUC failed students from August, 2020. The classes will be held from 11 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm. For application and admission, contact Mysore Interior & Designs Academy - Institute of Interior Design Studies, Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions campus, Adichunchanagiri Road, K - Block, Kuvempunagar, between 10 am and 3 pm. Last date to apply is July 27. For details, call: 90353-36060 or 90353-35050 or Ph: 0821-4256549 or visit: www.mysoreinteriors.co.in

Condoled

Rangayana, Mysuru, has condoled the death of senior theatre artiste Subhadramma Mansur (81), who passed away on Wednesday.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	104.80 ft
Yesterday	104.32 ft
Inflow	8,587 cusecs
Outflow	3,602 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,272.96 ft
Inflow	10,786 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,853.53 ft
Inflow	5,056 cusecs
Outflow	4,104 cusecs

Kurubarahalli Survey Number 4 & Alanahalli Survey Number 41 land row

It is only a Government 'Letter' not an 'Order', claims former MLA

Mysuru, July 18 (RKB&DM)- Just two days after Revenue Minister R. Ashoka presented a Government order to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner on leaving out 354.29½ acres of land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Alanahalli Survey No.41, on which land the MUDA (formerly CITB) has formed Siddhartha Nagar, J.C. Nagar and K.C. Nagar, from B-Kharab classification (Government land), former MLA M.K. Somashekar has claimed that what the Revenue Minister has presented was only a 'Government Letter' and not an official 'Government Order'.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, Somashekar accused Revenue Minister R. Ashoka of misleading the public by presenting only a 'Government Letter' and not a 'Government Order'(GO) regarding leaving out the said land from B-Kharab classification.

Asserting that it is only a Government letter (dated July 14, 2020) written by the Under Secretary (C. Balaram) of the Revenue Department (Land Allocation-1), stating that a total of 354.29½ acres of land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Alanahalli Survey No.41 has been left out from B-Kharab classification and the Urban Development Department should take further action this regard,

Somashekar blamed the tussle between BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas and former MLC G. Madhusudhan of the same party as the reason for the classification of land as B-Kharab, which had pushed over 25,000 residents of the layouts to a lot of hardship.

Recalling his efforts to solve the row, Somashekar said he had taken great pains in persuading the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to find a permanent solution to the row, following which the Congress Government took a cabinet decision on March 3, 2018 to leave out the land from B-Kharab classification after bringing the same to the notice of the High Court.

"I would have secured an official Government Order on the issue had the Assembly General elections not come in the way, which I lost. There is nothing for the current MLA Ramdas and other BJP leaders to take credit for it as they have done little to solve the long-lasting row," he maintained.

He reiterated that Ashoka had only presented a Government Letter and not a Government Order (GO), which the people should understand. He further said that he would write to the Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj to get an unambiguous and clear Government Order (GO) on leaving out the said land from B-Kharab classification and also directing MUDA to take subsequent necessary measures for issuing land records pertaining to sites and other landed properties in the layouts and thus bring 'real relief' to residents.

Continuing his tirade on MLA Ramdas, the former MLA accused him of not bringing any funds for the development of the constituency. He further alleged that Ramdas was falsely claiming credit for all the development works and the projects he (Somashekar) had undertaken when he was the MLA. City Congress President R. Murthy, leaders H.A. Venkatesh and Sunil were present at the press meet.

Let Somashekar read Government Order for better understanding, says Ramdas

Ramdas

Mysuru, July 18- Responding to former MLA M.K. Somashekar's charge that Revenue Minister R. Ashoka had presented only a Government letter and not a Government Order (GO) regarding deletion of 354.29 ½ acres of land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Alanahalli Survey No.41 from B-Kharab classification, Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas has suggested the former MLA to read the full text of the Government order properly for a better understanding.

Maintaining that the order clearly states that 354.29½ acres of land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Alanahalli Survey No.41 has been left out of B-Kharab classification as per a High Court ruling and State Cabinet decision, Ramdas said that the order also directs the Revenue Department to hand over the said land to Urban Development Department for subsequent follow up.

Besides, the order also directs for issuance of land records such as Khata Registration, building licences etc., to property owners in the layouts, which has come as a big relief to thousands of residents, who were pushed to a lot of hardship due to B-Kharab classification, he said.

Ramdas further said that after the Bengaluru Lockdown ends, a public programme will be organised to symbolically issue Title Deeds, Khata Registration and such other land records to property owners in the layouts and the former MLA Somashekar too will be invited.

Obituary

Solomon Rajendran

Mysuru, July 18- Solomon Rajendran (87), former CBI Officer and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at St. Bartholomew's Church Cemetery, near St. Philomena's High School today, according to Church sources.

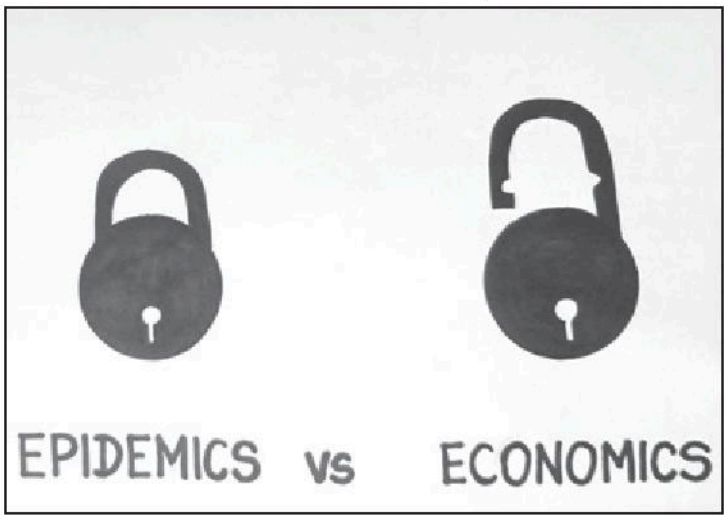
Admissions

Mysuru, July 18- Applications have been invited from students who have passed 2nd PUC for admission to Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) course for the year 2020-21.

The candidates belonging to General Category should have scored a minimum of 50% marks in 2nd PUC and SC/ST students with 45% marks. For details, contact PSTE Nodal Officer D.R. Amit of District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Vasant Mahal, Mysuru, on Mob: 89712-65899, according to a release.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



KSRTC guidelines on employees' attendance

Mysuru, July 18 (SPN&SD)- In view of Coronavirus pandemic, some of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) employees had been unable to work in the month of June. Now, KSRTC has issued guidelines related to their attendance for the month of June to its employees. These guidelines have been sent to all its Divisional Controllers of the State including that of Mysuru yesterday.

KSRTC authorities have proposed three groups of guidelines for its employees for consideration of their absence of duty in the month of June. These include, consideration of actual attendance (30 days) for the month, to sanction leaves in case the employees have applied for leaves and have enough number of leaves to their credit and in case, any employee has no leaves pending, to consider this as a special case and sanction leaves for such cases but balance out these with their future leaves.

Authorities have also proposed to not take any disciplinary action against those employees who have not applied for the leaves and been absent in the month of June.

For those employees who have not reported to their duties since Mar. 23, disciplinary action would be taken as per rules against them, according to a release issued by KSRTC Chief Staff Manager.

49 persons lost lives in road accidents in Mysuru during January-June

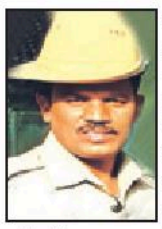
Mysuru, July 18 (RK&DM)- As many as 49 persons lost their lives in 309 road accidents that took place across the city in the first six months of this year (Jan.1, 2020 to June 30, 2020).

Out of these,13 persons died of head injuries sustained due to helmetless riding. While some died on the spot, others died in hospital. The wearing of helmets could have saved their lives, according to the City Traffic Police.

A total of 12 persons died in 84 accidents that took place in January 2020, while 16 died in 68 accidents in February, 8 in 65 accidents in March, one in April in 14 accidents, 6 in May in 32 accidents and 6 in 46 accidents in June.

Head Constable dies in road mishap

Mysuru, July 18 (RK&DM)- A Head Constable attached to Lakshmipuram Police Station, who had sustained serious injuries after falling off from his motorcycle on July 15, succumbed to his injuries at a city Hospital yesterday.



Puttaswamy

Puttaswamy (42), a native of T. Katur in the taluk, is the deceased.

Puttaswamy was travelling on his motorcycle on official work to Jayapura Police Station on H.D. Kote Road on July 15, when he met with a self-accident and sustained serious injuries.

He was rushed to JSS Hospital, where he breathed his last yesterday morning. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

Last rites were performed at his native village this morning, according to family sources.

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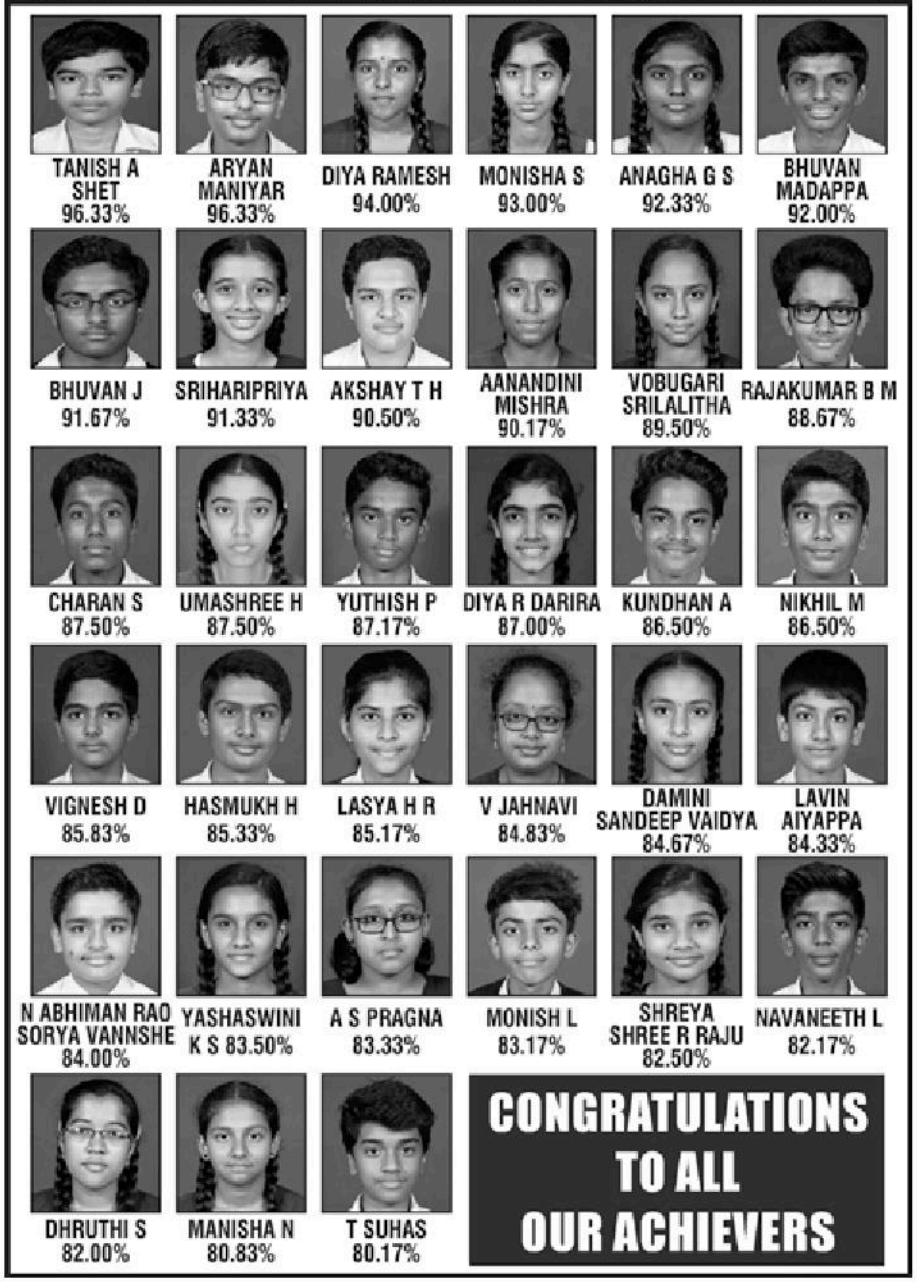

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Course Details

Fellowship in Psychosexual Medicine	Certificate Course in Psychosexual Medicine
(Under JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru) **Duration:** 1 year **Eligibility:** Minimum qualification M.B.B.S. (Open to Medical graduates and those who have completed Post graduation). **Fees:** Tuition fee Rs. 1,50,000/- + other fees	(Under JSS Medical College, Mysuru) **Duration:** 6 months **Eligibility:** Open to Medical & non-medical psychological/ behavioral sciences post graduates like M.Phil. Clinical Psychology, M.Sc. Sociology, Master of Social Work, Ph.D. Psychology, Sociology and Social Work. M.Sc. in Biological Sciences, M.Sc. / M.Phil. Pharmacy, Physiotherapy. **Fees:** Tuition fee Rs. 30,000/- + other fees

Important Dates

•Commencement of Issue of Application Form:-	20th July, 2020
•Last date for receipt of filled in Application form and submissionTo JSS Medical College along with necessary documents:	8th August, 2020
•Date of Commencement of the course:	1st September, 2020

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IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Pilot ejected, but Gandhis?

The Congress has ejected its Co-Pilot out of the cockpit in Rajasthan. Now everyone is waiting to see if Sachin Pilot lands safely on BJP's lap or makes a hard landing trying to start his own party?

Meanwhile, the Congress party, still piloted by the Gandhis, is in nosedive and heading for a crash-landing as it steadily keeps losing young leaders in favour of old loyalists.

Speaking of political developments in Rajasthan, Congress party's new recruit in Gujarat, Hardik Patel said, *"In Congress you get to bat after fielding."* Let's see how long Hardik Patel keeps fielding, while his ex-President keeps batting whenever he pleases, even if he is an incompetent batsman. Let's see how much patience Patel will have as his ex-President keeps getting other batsmen in his team run out, while he continues to stay at the crease without scoring any runs. Let's see how long Patel will stick around in the team as winning players are benched or turned into water boys.

Frustration is creeping in among competent Congress leaders. Many have worked hard, they have delivered and they want their reward. But in Congress, loyalty to the family is supreme, not performance. After Indira Gandhi became PM, '*Chamchagiri*' to the family became a qualification and it mattered more than performance.

And Congress members go to great lengths to display this qualification. In 2004, Sonia Gandhi's birthday was declared as *"Tyag Divas"!* And at the event, a Congressman said Sonia embodied the virtues of the Buddha, Ashoka and Mahatma Gandhi! This outpouring of blind devotion did not come from some ordinary fanatical party worker, it came from the then Union Home Minister Shivraj Patil !

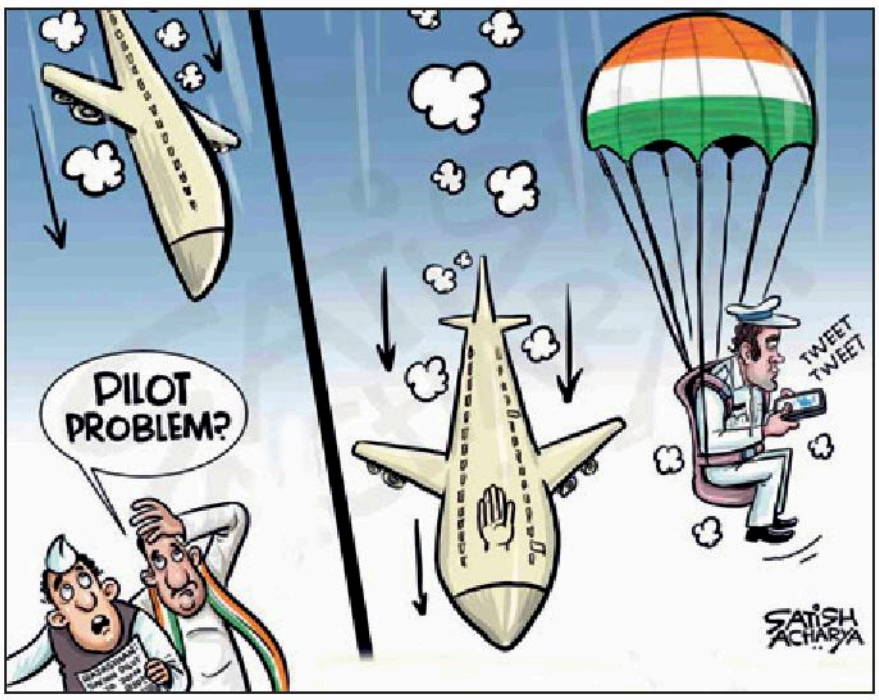
Similarly in 1995, the Congress party renamed the two concentric roads in the heart of Delhi. Connaught Place and Connaught Circus were renamed Indira Chowk (the outer road) and Rajiv Chowk (the inner road). When asked why this renaming was needed, according to *India Today* report, the then Congress MP Mani Shankar Aiyar reportedly said, naming it Indira and Rajiv would figuratively mean *"a mother embracing her son."* When an angry BJP MP asked in Parliament, *"Kya yeh desh Indira aur Rajiv ki jagir hai?"* (Is this country the fiefdom of Rajiv and Indira?) a Congress MP actually turned around and said, *"Yes"!*

But today's youthful India doesn't care for pedigree. They want some delivery. If not schemes, then at least some dialogues, catch phrases and grand speeches, it's working for BJP.

Congress has better young leaders than BJP, but it suffocates them and drives them away. Rahul himself is reluctant to build a team. He had a chance to promote leaders like Shashi Tharoor, Sachin Pilot and Milind Deora directly into the Congress Working Committee but he did not.

This reminds us, in 1980 Rahul Gandhi's uncle Sanjay Gandhi's numerous friends such as Kamal Nath, Ashok Gehlot and Captain Amarinder Singh made it to the Seventh Lok Sabha. The Opposition called them *"Sanjay ke chokre"* (Sanjay Gandhi's boys). It was also called the most youthful Lok Sabha. But Rahul Gandhi does not want any '*chokras*'. Is it because today's *chokras* are more educated, more articulate and more dependable to deliver than Rahul Gandhi?

Worse, young leaders are treated shabbily, like they are the house help of the Gandhis. Example: When Assam leader Himanta Biswa Sarma visited Rahul to warn him that Assam needed an overhaul, Rahul, instead of taking him seriously and lending an attentive ear, was playing with his pet dog '*Pidi*'. Later Biswa left Congress, joined BJP and delivered Assam to BJP.



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Congress must realise that Rahul Gandhi is turning out to be a Political Peter Pan — never growing up to decisively lead. If the Congress has to survive, and survive it must, then the Gandhis must take a backseat or make an exit.

So, Congress wake up — Choose — and choose now — Country or Gandhi?

If the answer is "Madam's family", then you are doomed and so are we — to have a healthy democracy, we need a strong Opposition. No party must rule for too long because absolute power corrupts absolutely — it did the Congress.

If only Shastri had lived...

As we speak of the Congress party's obsession and worship of the Gandhis, it's apt to recall Historian Ramachandra Guha's wishful thinking — what if Lal Bahadur Shastri lived. Because his death is what led to Indira Gandhi being made PM.

Guha writes: *"Had Shastri lived, Indira Gandhi may or may not have migrated to London (Indira Gandhi had mentioned her desire to move to England as her sons were studying there in a letter to her friend Dorothy Norman).*

But even had she stayed in India, it is highly unlikely that she would have become the Prime Minister. And it is certain that her son would never have occupied or aspired to that office.

Had Shastri been around for another five years, there would have been no Nehru-Gandhi dynasty. Sanjay Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi would almost certainly still be alive, and in private life. The former would be a failed entrepreneur (Maruthi Car Project), the latter a recently retired airline pilot with a passion for photography.

Finally, had Shastri lived longer, Sonia Gandhi would still be a devoted and loving housewife, and son Rahul Gandhi perhaps a middle-level manager in a private sector company."

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Industrial bodies seek Power Bill Fixed Charges waiver

Mysuru, July 18- Several Industrial Associations of the city have appealed CESC to waive off Fixed Charges in power bills and to convert billing from Commercial to Industrial.

In a memorandum submitted to CESC MD Manohara M. Bevinamara here recently, Mysuru Industries Association (MIA) President Vasu, also a former MLA, urged CESC to convert all Tailoring, Dry Cleaning, Pre Press and Post Press Industries, Printing Presses, Flour Mills, Bakery Units and the like, to Industrial Connection LT-5 category and also extend the power bill relief to them for the lockdown period. He also sought CESC to accept the available Industrial Certificates or UDYAM Registration Number in passing on the COVID-19 Fixed Charge relief to Industries.

After receiving the memorandum, CESC MD Manohara M. Bevinamara assured Industrialists that CESC will expedite the process of waiver of Fixed Charges in Power Bills of Industries and also conversion of category from Commercial to Industrial, as per a KERC order.

Office-bearers of Industrial Bodies — P. Vishwanath, Satyendra, Suresh Kumar Jain, Manjunath, N. Satish, Ameer Vagh and others were present.

Non- functional drinking water Unit at Gangotri HUDCO Layout

Mysuru, July 18 (YDS&DM)- The pure drinking water unit at Gangotri HUDCO Layout, which has become non-functional for the past 20 days, has severely inconvenienced the residents.

The drinking water unit was set up at 8th Cross of Gangotri Layout at a cost of Rs.10 lakh under the Local MLA Grant in 2017-18. But the unit became non-functional due to a mechanical fault over 20 days ago and the authorities have not bothered to get it repaired.

While the MCC has launched a campaign asking the citizens not to unnecessarily venture out on to the streets in the wake of COVID-19 spread, the residents of the area are forced to come out of their homes in search of potable water in surrounding areas.

With the unit becoming non-functional, the residents are inevitably buying 20 litre water cans at a cost of Rs.30. Residents allege that although they have been complaining about the non-functioning of the unit, the MCC authorities have not bothered to get it repaired.

Local Corporator Vedavathi said that the drinking water unit had borewell connection. But as the borewell water was deemed unfit by the authorities for drinking, the unit was stopped.

The unit will be re-charged by getting it pipeline connected to a borewell in Bogadi in the next 10 days, she said.

Act against Netas breaching social distancing norms: HC

(Continued from page 1)

Former MLAs Vasu, Somashekar welcome High Court (HC) move: Welcoming the decision of the High Court, former MLA M.K. Somashekar told *Star of Mysore* that law must be the same for everyone.

"Unfortunately, political leaders of various parties are openly flouting the norms at a time of pandemic. What example they are setting to the other people? Do they care for laws and rules? Action must be initiated against them," he said and added that the High Court directive is an eye-opener to many political leaders.

Former MLA Vasu too echoed similar sentiments and said that law-makers have turned law-breakers. "It is the influential people who violate the rules most of the times. Strict action must be taken against violators under the provisions of Disaster Management Act and also as per COVID guidelines. Local enforcement officers must not cow down to political pressures and they must implement rules stringently," he opined.

Admissions at Maharani's Science College

Mysuru, July 18- The City's Maharani's Science College for Women will begin issuing application forms for admission to first year B.Sc and BCA (Bachelor of Computer Applications) courses from July 20.

PUC passed girl students can apply within July 30. The first list of selected students will be published on Aug.3 and admissions will take place for these students from Aug. 5 to Aug. 10.

For details, call Ph: 0821-2420503 or 2424335, according to a press release.

Cheque Bounce Case

Two partners of Real Estate firm penalised Rs.4.33 crore

Mysuru, July 18 (RK&DM)- A City Court has imposed a penalty of Rs.4.33 crore on two partners of a Real Estate firm in connection with three cheque bounce cases.

One B. Bhyrappa of Madagalli in Yelwal hobli of the taluk, had filed three separate criminal cases in the Court alleging that three cheques totalling Rs.4.33 crore issued by C. Narayanagowda and M. Pradeep Kumar, partners of a Real Estate firm, in connection with a Land Development Project, had bounced (dishonoured) in the Bank.

The City's Fourth JMFC Court Judge Rajiv Golasar, who heard the cases, held Narayanagowda and Pradeep Kumar guilty of the charges and penalised them Rs.4,33,69,100 (Rs.63,10,400 in connection with CC No.313/2016, Rs.1,99,58,700 in connection with CC No.314/2016 and Rs.1,71,00,000 in connection with CC No.175/2017).

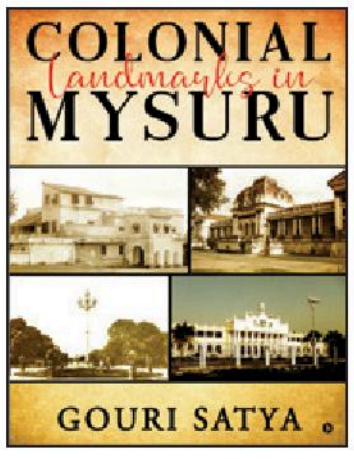
The Judge also directed the two to remit Rs.5,000 in each case as fine to the State Government out of this penalty and the rest of the money be paid to the complainant Bhyrappa.

Gouri Satya's 'Colonial Landmarks in Mysuru' released online

Mysuru, July 18- Exactly four years after the release of his maiden work related to Mysuru history, *'Mysuru Memories - The Old City of Mysuru'* on July 17, 2015, Gouri Satya, Senior Journalist and *Star of Mysore* columnist, has come out with a new work on Mysuru history.

Gouri Satya

Titled *'Colonial Landmarks in Mysuru,'* the book highlights 15 historical landmarks in Mysuru of the British era.



The *'Colonial Landmarks in Mysuru'* is his second work on Mysuru's past, the first being *'Mysuru Memories,'* which dealt generally on Mysuru's past on various subjects.

The new book was released online yesterday by the publishers. It is available in Amazon India, Notion Press Online and Flipkart. The e-book version will be available in about a dozen days.

As an additional offer, buyers of the book can get the Read Instantly version for free. Read Instantly also provides the reader with a greater reading experience by letting them better engage with the book through comments and likes across the book.

Youth goes missing

Mysuru, July 18- A 29-year-old youth has gone missing from Kuvempunagar Police Station limits.

Vasanthkumar, a resident of Kuvempunagar, who left his house on the afternoon of July 14, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by his mother Kausalya at Kuvempunagar Police Station.

Anyone coming across any clues about the said missing youth, can call Kuvempunagar Police on Ph: 0821-2418324 or Police Control Room 2418339.

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Seven more COVID deaths in Mysuru; 93 fresh positive cases

- **Mass rapid testing of symptomatic people begins in NR Constituency**
- **15 teams formed for door-to-door testing of vulnerable population**

District Health Officer Dr. R. Venkatesh briefs healthcare workers who are part of rapid door-to-door testing team at Udayagiri in Narasimharaja Constituency this morning. Former Mayor Ayub Khan, District Vector-borne Diseases Control Officer Dr. Chidambara and others are also seen. Picture right shows a person being screened with a thermal scanner.

Mysuru, July 18 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru district reported seven more deaths yesterday (July 17) and recorded 93 new COVID-19. With this, the total number of deaths has increased to 57. The cumulative positive cases have increased to 1,413, with 805 active cases. **District Health Officer Dr. R. Venkatesh told reporters this morning that today, the death count is likely to go up to 60 to 64 as more deaths have been reported.**

Till now, 551 patients have been cured and discharged. All the seven patients who died yesterday were diagnosed with Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI). Of seven, six are male and one is a 52-year-old female. While three are below 49 years, three others include 80-year-old male, 63-year-old-male and a 69-year-old-male.

Of the 93 fresh cases, 38 are primary and secondary contacts of infected persons, 17 cases have travel history, 24 with Influenza-Like Illness, 11 SARI and three pregnant women. Of the total 805 active cases, 245 of them have been admitted to the designated COVID-19 Hospitals, 75 of them have been isolated in COVID healthcares, 110 isolated in COVID Care Centres and 85 of them have been isolated at various private hospitals and 290 of the have been placed under home isolation.

The Health Department authorities have observed 16,821 persons till the date. While 13,979 completed quarantine period, 2,037 are under quarantine. The authorities have tested a total of 30,205 samples and 28,728 of them have tested negative.

"Chasing Corona" operation

Meanwhile, the District Administration has launched "Chasing Corona" operation in Narasimharaja (NR) Constituency and the bordering Chamaraja Constituency. In the wake of rising COVID-19 infection rate and deaths in Mysuru, especially in NR Constituency, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has declared certain areas of the Constituency and some areas of adjoining Chamaraja Constituency as restricted zones. The orders will be in force from 6 am on July 17 till 6 am on July 24.

Fully enforcing the order with minimum exceptions, the city Police under the jurisdiction of Narasimharaja, Udayagiri, Lashkar Mohalla and Mandi Mohalla Police Stations laid barricades to prevent unnecessary movement of people. All commercial activities have been banned except for essential services like groceries, food, milk, vegetables, medicines, banks and Government offices. Meat and fish stalls are to open only on Tuesdays and Fridays. All religious, festival and customs gatherings have been barred and entry of public has been restricted to prayer halls and religious places. Following the restrictions, there was minimum public movement.

Mass testing of symptomatic patients

While the Police were engaged in preventing public movement, Health Department officials initiated the task of mass testing of symptomatic patients and if they turn positive, they are being immediately shifted to the isolation centres. The teams are using Rapid Antigen Test Kits for faster results. A patient can be tested positive or negative within 2 hours of the test without waiting for laboratory tests that take a minimum of two days for result confirmation.

Priority or preference is given to the residents of such areas where COVID deaths are reported. The immediate neighbourhood residents are screened for symptoms and shifted to facilities in case they are infected by the virus. An ambulance accompanies the test team and patients are moved to care facilities without any delay. Tests are being conducted after a survey where vulnerable groups like elderly and children are identified.

As on-the-spot tests are conducted, it is easy for the Health Department staff to trace the contact history and primary and secondary contacts. The Rapid Antigen Test also puts brakes on the movement of people in the gap between the date of giving swab samples and the date of test results, said District Health Officer Dr. R. Venkatesh.

He said that over 15 teams of healthcare workers have been formed for door-to-door testing. "Mysuru has got 2,200 Rapid Antigen Test Kits and we cannot test everyone. Only symptomatic persons will be tested with such kits to avoid a long wait till the laboratory results come," he said.

In the areas that have been sealed down like Muneshwara Nagar, KHB Colony, Udayagiri, Rajiv Nagar, Beedi Colony and Sathagalli Layouts, public were allowed to purchase essentials from 6 am to 10 am. Only Government officers, contract workers with valid identity cards were permitted to move around and any other public movement has been banned.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and ACPs Shivashankar and Shashidhar visited the areas and asked their staff to enforce the restriction order strictly.

Police erect barricades in some areas of NR Constituency to prevent unnecessary public movement. Picture right shows a cow that has been caught in crossfire as barricades prevented its free movement.

Drawing teacher turns construction worker to keep his hearth burning

Drawing teacher Dundaiah involved in construction works. Picture below shows Dundaiah handing over one of his paintings to Health Minister B. Sriramulu.

Mysuru, July 18 (SBD&BCT)- Dundaiah, a resident of Vivekanandanagar in city, stands out as the odd one out among the 20 labourers working under an unrelenting summer sun at an under-construction house in Kuvempunagar.

While the other labourers, comprising men and a handful of women, appear rustic, sporting rubber slippers, worn out sarees and lungis with a towel on their heads, Dundaiah is clad in a shirt and trouser. He is a teacher who has turned into a manual labourer, thanks to lockdown and closure of schools and educational institutions.

Dundaiah led a rather comfortable life, earning his livelihood as a private school teacher. Until COVID-19 struck and a lockdown was ordered on March 25. A drawing/ painting teacher with over 17 years of experience both in private and government schools, Dundaiah was reportedly sacked from his job in March 2020.

Initially, Dundaiah managed with the meagre savings he had and looked for alternative jobs. But when the cash dried up and there was no one to borrow money from, he started this manual labour work. "I am doing such manual labour for the first time in my life. My wife is unwell and I have not been paid since March. I had no choice but to work in this under-construction house," Dundaiah told *Star of Mysore.*

No other source of income

"I have no other source of income as the school where I worked has not paid me a penny for three months. I cannot sit idle so I started working on a daily wage basis and I have to support my family, my children and even my brother's children. It will take five to six months to re-join duty so something is better than nothing. We can't starve and I ended up here to keep the home fires burning," he said with tears rolling down his eyes.

"I have sent hundreds of messages seeking help and I have messaged the Education Minister, Chief Minister and all the powers that be in Karnataka. Recently, Health Minister B. Sriramulu telephoned me after seeing my desperate messages and called me to his house and purchased some of my paintings and paid for them. That was a good gesture and the money helped me sustain for some days. But that cannot go on forever," he revealed.

Vacated from house

Dundaiah is a native of Somahalli in Gundlupet taluk. He has served many government and private schools in Mysuru and Gundlupet. He told *SOM* that he was asked to vacate his house as he could not pay rent. "I was clueless and was desperate for a house. I called a person in Bengaluru and told him my story. He agreed to give his house on rent without the advance money (deposit)," he explained.

He learnt art and painting at a reputed school in Mysuru. "I applied for Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) recruitment in 2011. They did something fishy and conducted the same exam in 2016. We were told that officers would come to verify the candidates but they never came," Dundaiah regretted.

Waiting for work

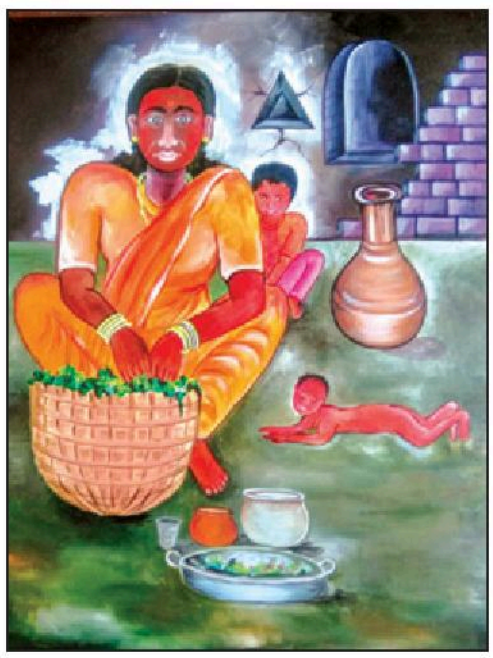
After he realised that schools will open only after August-September, Dundaiah tried getting some students for home coaching. "Nobody came as parents were too scared to send their children out. I went for some estate work and someone told me that if I stand near Kuvempunagar Circle, someone will call me for work. I wore a decent shirt, pants and slippers. Though some mesthris approached me, looking at my dress they turned away. I had to wear a faded shirt and a sort of a dirty pant. Finally I was taken in," he narrated.

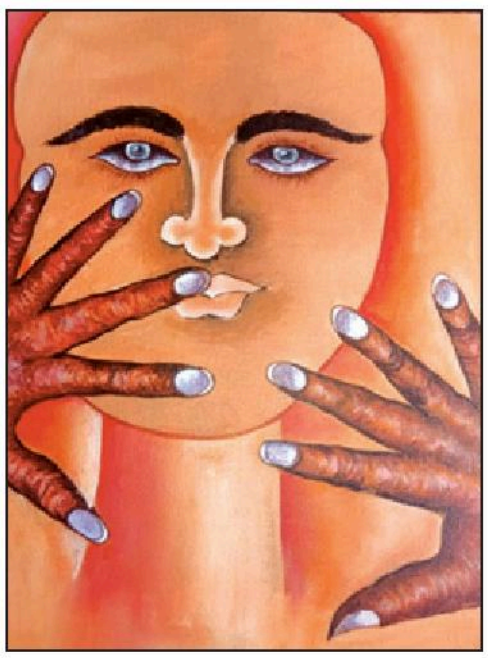
"I never revealed my identity and even some of the school-children I taught have seen me doing manual work here. One day the contractor told me that I don't look like a manual labourer at all. I had to reveal my identity and tears rolled down my eyes. He took pity on me and told other labourers not to give me heavy work. He put me into carrying bricks and sand," he said.

Rs. 350 a day

Dundaiah earns about Rs. 350 per day, just enough to feed his family and brother's children "I am ready to do any work. I am not committing any crime. It is my life and I am supporting my family through this work. Yes, teaching is a noble profession with respect in society. But teachers like me have no future. We have to switch over to manual labour if anything like COVID-19 happens," he rued.

After sharing his story, Dundaiah continued to lift sand in a container and handed it over to the mason. But nobody can miss the pain in his face and a tear drop in his eyes.





WORD OF THE DAY

Verboten

Pronunciation: ver-BOH-tun.

Meaning: Forbidden; prohibited by dictate.
Origin: Despite its spelling, the adjective verboten has nothing to do with verb, or any of the other words in English related to Latin verbum. Rather, verboten comes from German, and originally from Old High German farboten, the past participle of the verb farbioten, meaning "to forbid." (Forbid itself derives from Old English forbēodan, a relative of farbioten.) Verboten is used to describe things that are forbidden according to a law or a highly regarded authority. There also exists the rarely used noun verboten, meaning "something forbidden by authority," as in "well-established verbotens.
Example: "An array of other city meetings have been canceled.... Scott said his office is working as fast as it can to find new, 21st-century solutions to the needs of the community and of city government at a time when physical gatherings are verboten." — Kevin Rector and Liz Bowie

THE ODD WORD

Vaaljapie

Inferior wine.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Van surfing

Meaning: Van Surfing (a.k.a. surfboarding) is, in its literal meaning, the riding of a wave while standing or lying on a surfboard. The word surfing is now applied figuratively as a prefix or postfix to construct phrases relating to other activities, for example 'surfing the net'.
Origin: It is generally accepted that surfing was first enjoyed by Polynesians in Tahiti and Hawaii. The oral tradition of passing chants, called 'Meles', from generation to generation records the practice of surfing in those islands and suggests that it dates back to at least the 15th century. It was first recorded in print in the ship's log of the Discovery, which was part of Captain James Cook's ill-fated expedition to Hawaii. The log was written in 1779 by Lieutenant James King, who took over the captaincy of the ship after Cook was killed.
Modern-day surfing came to the USA in the 20th century and became very popular amongst the young, especially in on the west coast, during the 1960s. When the Beach Boys recorded Surfin' USA in March 1963 they could have had no notion that surfing was to become such a widespread term in the language. What started out simply as 'surfing' migrated into other forms. Initially these were activities that mimicked surfboarding. The first was 'body surfing', which is surfing in the original sense, that is, riding a wave on the sea, but without a board.

QUOTE BOX

The best surfer out there is the one having the most fun.

— Phil Edwards

RIDDLE THIS

You walk into a room that contains a match, a kerosene lamp, a candle and a fireplace. What would you light first?

Answer: The match.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Displease
6 Torsos
10 Siouan Indian
11 Previous to
12 Discoverer of X-rays
14 Thigh or pig's meat from the thigh
16 Jargon
17 __ through to : finally made one understand?
19 Means of access
21 Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
22 Unit of heredity
23 They pose in front of a camera
25 Chartered, hired or let
27 Black bird
28 Regional Airline Assoc.
29 Rises up
32 Utility worker - "mangas" anagram
35 Strip of leather on a shoe
36 Playback singer Arun
38 Religious, godly or hallowed
39 Have being
40 Imparted an odour?
42 Bustle, energy
43 Supply with inhabitants
45 Latin sun
46 Bread spread?
47 Pertaining to the famous European mountain range?
48 Long flat pieces of timber

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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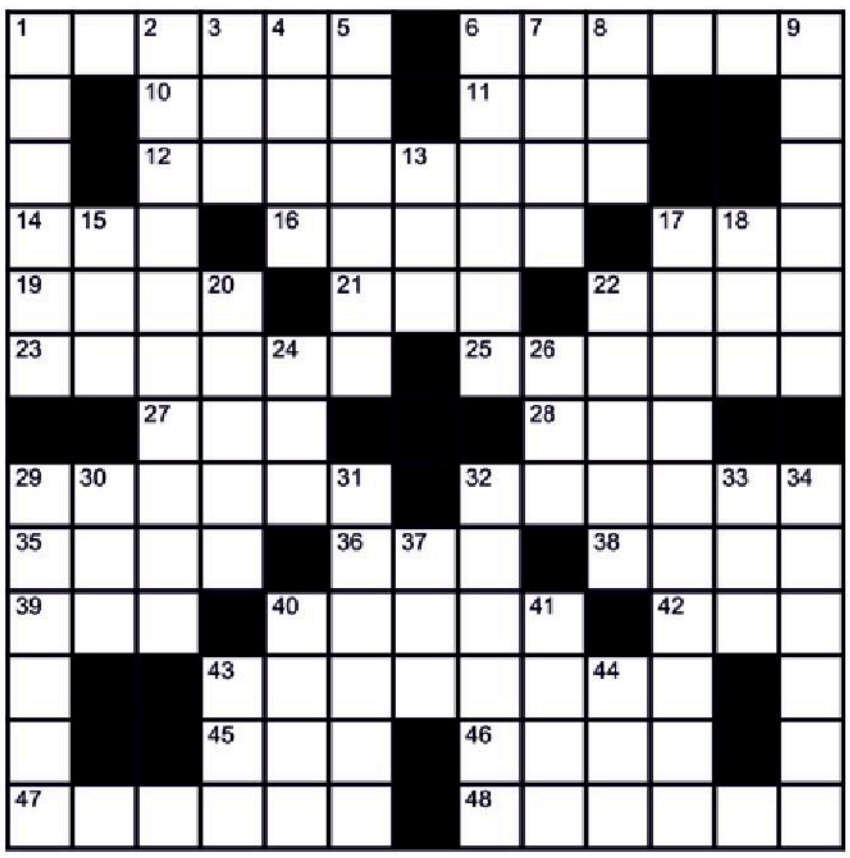
DOWN

1 Lancashire town
2 Fearsome
3 WWII battleground
4 "Lone" change for a boy's name?
5 Recants or refuses
6 Mendicant
7 Famous cookie
8 Where Daniel met the lions
9 Avowed or expressed
13 Explosive chemical Trinitrotoluene in short
15 Bustle or to-do
17 Start going away - in a way? (3,1,4,2)
18 The lowest whole number
20 Credo or dogma
22 __ one's teeth : show one's displeasure, in a way?
24 Girl's name
26 Long period of time
29 Its capital is Kigali
30 'Ever' for the poet
31 Plain or easy
32 Horse's fastest pace
33 First name of a hero in an Arabian Night's Tale
34 Mythological semi-divine maidens of sea, woods, etc.
37 A coin and monetary unit of Rumania, equal to 100 bani
40 In a short time
41 Lanky
43 Pounds per sq in.
44 Afternoon refresher



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UTMSR MX T GEO-EKS. MU SRZ EDAL HTL LEK GTD TGGZOS

TD TXXZQSMED MX JL UTMSR, SRZD LEK TQZ GEDGZFMDP

SRTS MS GTD'S JZ STYZD ED MSX EHD CZQMSX.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's a shallow life that doesn't give a person a few scars.

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Plea to repair borewell at Gandhinagar

The borewell sunk at Adi Karnataka Burial Grounds in Gandinagar has become defunct since 15 days. With no water, relatives of the deceased, who come to perform the last rites of their dear ones, are finding it difficult for drinking water and also to wash hands. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the borewell repaired at the earliest.

Medical wastes dumped behind Mission Hospital

Medical wastes such as medicine pouches, IV fluid bottles and tablets have been dumped near a compound about 100 mts from Minds Hospital behind Mission Hospital. The unscientific dumping of medical wastes is causing a lot of problems to the residents living in the surroundings and also could be dangerous if cattle consume them. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the medical wastes cleared at the earliest and also initiate action against those who had dumped it.

Kamegowda dug only pits but did not build ponds: Villagers

70 villagers petition Mandya DC that 'Pond Man' was harassing them by denying access to graze cattle

Malavalli, July 18 (BCT)- Just days after octogenarian 'Pond Man' or Kere Kamegowda of Dasanadoddi village in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district was recognised and lauded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' All India Radio address and is basking in new-found and well-publicised glory, a group of his fellow villagers have complained to Mandya DC Dr. M.V. Venkatesh that Kamegowda's claims were false.

After the PM's address where Modi called him Water Warrior, the humble farmer Kamegowda shot into national fame and talks were on to make a documentary film on him. There was a demand that Kamegowda must be honoured with 'Water Conservation Expert' award and also institute an annual prize in his name to be given to genuine water conservationists.

Wrong projection

Now, a group of 70 villagers have petitioned the Mandya DC where they have stated that Kamegowda was falsely claiming that he has built 16 ponds and was denying access to grazing field. Villagers have alleged that Kamegowda did not dig any pond or lake as projected in the media and social media platforms.

The villagers claimed that Kamegowda dug only pits that were of no use to villagers. "After Kamegowda dug pits, it has become difficult for us to graze cattle. He behaves as if the hillocks are his personal property. He has been harassing the people of the village," they complained. Moreover, the land belongs to Forest Department and it was green since ages. "Kamegowda did not contribute for the greenery," they said.

Harassment alleged

The villagers also alleged that Kamegowda was keeping away the villagers from accessing the ponds. "These ponds are all natural and not man-made. How can one person build 16 ponds single-handedly," they questioned. The villagers alleged that no officer cared to visit the village to check the veracity of the claims made by Kamegowda.

They also charged Kamegowda with illegally extracting sand from ponds and have urged the DC to conduct a spot inspection to check the veracity of Kamegowda's claims and also take back the honours bestowed on him if they are proved false. "Kamegowda is a wrong man in a right place and his fame is false and he does not deserve the attention and awards. Now he is threatening to file cases against all of us," the villagers said.

However, Kamegowda said that he was facing trouble from some people of the village after the PM mentioned his name and his work in his speech. He alleged that villagers have conspired against him due to old rivalry.

Meanwhile, Mandya DC Dr. Venkatesh has asked Assistant Commissioner and Tahsildar to convene a meeting and sort out the issue.

He clarified that only after inspecting the ponds and lakes constructed by Kamegowda, the District Administration had submitted a report to the Government. "Personal grudges must not overshadow the good work," he said.

Fact-finding Committee to be formed: Mandya AC

Mandya, July 18 (BCT)- Based on Mandya DC Dr. M.V. Venkatesh's order to ascertain the veracity of Kamegowda's claims that he has built 16 ponds at barren lands of Dasanadoddi and regarding the allegation of villagers that Kamegowda was harassing them, a Fact-Finding Committee will be formed, said Mandya Asst. Commissioner (AC) Sooraj.

He was speaking at a conciliatory meeting at Dasanadoddi yesterday after villagers petitioned the DC regarding what they called dubious claims and harassment from Kamegowda. However, Kamegowda did not attend the meeting as he was indisposed. The Committee will be formed within July 21 and it will comprise officers from Revenue, Forest and Earth Sciences Department.

Once the Committee submits its report, suitable action will be initiated, Sooraj said and added that if at all Kamegowda has filed false cases against villagers, steps will be taken to withdraw such cases. The Mandya DC had announced that Kamegowda's name would be recommended to Padmashree Award. But since the Fact-Finding Committee has been constituted now, the award proposal has been put on hold for now.

Tahsildar Chandramouli, Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer Satish, Rural Dy.SP Dhanraj, Dy. Tahsildar Siddamma and Belakavadi Sub-Inspector Umapathi and other officers and villagers were present.

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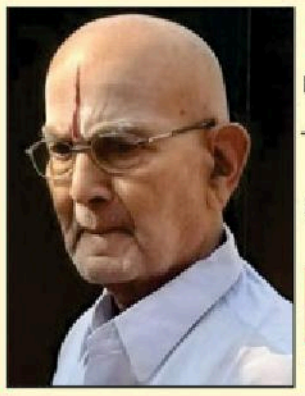

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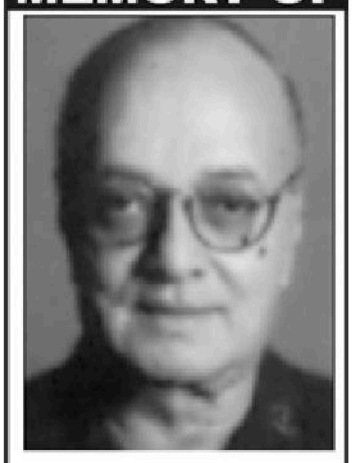

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Class X - **89.6%**

Police Public School once again achieved cent percent results in the class 12 and 10 CBSE exams, results for which were announced on 13th and 15th July 2020 respectively.

The school Topper for class 12 is Madhura with a total score of 473 marks out of a possible 500-94.6%. Nisarga was placed 2nd with a score of 471marks-94.2% and Jayanth 3rd with a score of 457 marks-91.4%.

There were 3 students who scored 90% plus, 3 students scored between 80 and 89% and 4 students scored between 70-79%. A total of 10 students took the class 12 CBSE exam in March 2020 and 9 of them were placed in distinction with 1 student obtaining a first class.

In the class 10 CBSE results, Priyanka A is the topper with 473 marks out of a possible 500-94.6%. Priya was placed second with 453 marks-90.6% and Sanjana J Ambat, third with 448 marks-89.6%.There were 28 distinctions and 30 first classes.

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